

We believe that by September Shrewsbury Sixth Form College will be up and running normally.

A level History does require students to read articles and chapters of books. Therefore, in order to help you prepare for Unit 1 (taught for the first two terms), and to alleviate the monotony of being house bound, this list of books and films will help prepare you for the autumn. No one is expecting you to read all these books, but if you can tackle just one (you choose – whatever seems most interesting to you), it would help.

1919-39

After the Victorians - A.N. Wilson

A History of Modern Britain - A Marr (Pan)

Empires of the Dead – David Crane

Peacemakers – Margaret Macmillan

The Great Silence – Juliet Nicolson

The Long Shadow - David Reynolds

The Road Home - Max Arthur

A. J P Taylor - English History 1914–1945 (Penguin Books, 1970 ISBN 0140211810)

The Age of Illusion – Ronald Blythe

Baldwin – Roy Jenkins

The Thirties, An Intimate History - Juliet Gardiner (Harper Press, 2010)

The Dark Valley – Piers Brendon (Chpt1, 8, 17+24)

1939-51

Dunkirk – Hugh Sebag-Montefiore

Wartime Britain 1939-1945 – Juliet Gardiner

Austerity Britain 1945-51 - David Kynaston (Bloomsbury, 2007)

A Marwick - British society since 1945: The Penguin Social History of Britain Penguin, 2003 0141005270

The People's Peace 1945-89 – Kenneth O. Morgan

A History of Modern Britain - A Marr (Pan Books, 2008 ISBN 0330439839)

1951-79

Family Britain 1951-57 - David Kynaston (Bloomsbury, 2010)

Having it so Good (Britain in the Fifties) - Peter Hennessy

Never Had It So Good: A History of Britain from Suez to the Beatles - Dominic Sandbrook (Abacus, 2006 ISBN 0349115303)

White Heat: A History of Britain in the Swinging Sixties - Dominic Sandbrook (Abacus, 2007 (ISBN 0349118205)

State of Emergency 1970-74 - Dominic Sandbrook

Seasons in the Sun 1974-79 - Dominic Sandbrook

Who Dares Wins 1979-82 – Dominic Sandbrook

B Levin - The Pendulum Years: Britain in the Sixties Icon, 2003 1840464186

The Troubles – Tim Pat Coogan

General works

Kenneth O. Morgan, Twentieth-Century Britain: A Very Short Introduction: useful brief overview.

Chris Rowe, Britain 1928-98: useful brief overview.

R Blake - The Conservative Party from Peel to Thatcher Fontana Press, 1985 0006860036

The Tories 1922-1997 - Alan Clark

P Adelman - The Rise of the Labour Party, 1880–1945 Longman, 1996 0582292107

H Pelling and A Reid - A Short History of the Labour Party Palgrave Macmillan, 2005 1403993130

M Lynch - An Introduction to Modern British History 1900–1999 Hodder and Stoughton, 2001 0340775254

P Clarke - Hope and Glory: Britain 1900–2000 (Penguin Books, 2004 0141011750)

R Pope - The British Economy since 1914: A Study in Decline? Pearson, 1998 0582301947

A Thorpe - Britain in the 1930s WileyBlackwell, 1992 0631174117

S Constantine - Unemployment in Britain between the Wars Longman, 1980 0582352320

N Smart - The National Government, 1931–40 Palgrave Macmillan, 1999 0333691318

R Pearce - Attlee's Labour Governments, 1945–51 (Lancaster Pamphlets) Routledge, 1993 0415088933

Hugo Young, Political Lives: brief biographies of key figures like Lloyd George.

D Childs - Britain Since 1945 Routledge, 2006 0415393272

Films and Videos (if you have access to any film streaming service then you have plenty to distract you): These films were either very popular at the time or deal with an emerging theme/issue, or both. Some have no certification, others are 18, so please be guided by that, as they are not all to everyone's taste.

Pre WW2

Metropolis (Fritz Lang, 1920s)

All quiet on the Western Front (original 1930s)

Busy Bodies (or anything by) Laurel and Hardy

A day at the Races (or anything else by) The Marx Brothers

King Kong (1933)

Oh Mr Porter (Will Hay)

During WW2

The Ghost Train

In which we serve (1942)

The life and death of Colonel Blimp (1943)

1945-97

I'm alright Jack (1959)

Saturday night and Sunday morning (1960)

A Taste of Honey (1961)

This Sporting Life (1963)

Dr Strangelove (1964)

A Hard Days Night (1964)

Alfie (1966)

If (1968)

The Italian Job (1969)

Get Carter (1971)

Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975)

Monty Python and the Life of Brian (1979)

Quadrophenia (1979)

The Long Good Friday (1980)

Educating Rita (1983)

Mona Lisa (1986)

Personal Services (1987)

The Crying Game (1992)

Peter's Friends (1992)

Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994)

Trainspotting (1996)

The Full Monty (1997)